

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2402 - SB 2933

January 29, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Specifies new population figures to retain the office of constable in Johnson County as 2000 census figures had placed them under a provision abolishing such office. Provides that constables in counties having a population of not less than 17,475 nor more than 17,575 according to the 2000 or any subsequent federal census shall be vested with all law enforcement powers and authorities conferred upon other constables including apprehension of suspects, service of process, seizure of gambling devices, executing arrest warrants, speeding citations, and destruction or seizure of illegal liquor and related paraphernalia.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent the provisions confer powers on constables that they do not currently exercise in the affected county, the county could experience an increase in expenditures for costs associated with activities of constables and an increase in revenues from fines levied as a result of constables activities.**

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in expenditures could result from costs to confine persons arrested by constables that would not have been arrested in the absence of this authority.
- an increase in revenues could result from fines levied and collected from persons cited or arrested by constables.
- an increase in the local governments liability related to the constables as such constables do not receive as extensive training as other local law enforcement officers.
- the amount of such increases depends on the extent to which such powers are exercised by constables in the affected county.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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